

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2163 - HB 2273

February 3, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Directs the Department of Finance and Administration to implement a *community health system pilot program* that would investigate models of multi-tiered funding for health care for the uninsured. Multi-tiered funding is defined as revenue from federal, state, and local governments, participating health care providers, enrollees, and businesses.
- Mandates the program create at least one county-wide pilot project in which any uninsured person in the county must be able to participate. The program would be based out of a federally qualified health center. The amount actually billed would be paid from TennCare. The department is authorized to apply for any research and development grants or federal matching funds.
- Provides that the department is to conclude its investigations and locate possible health center sites by December 31, 2005. A final report is due on March 15, 2006 and actual implementation is to begin by July 1, 2006. TennCare is authorized to seek any modification to the current Medicaid waiver and the program is to operate only under such terms and conditions. The program is to terminate June 30, 2010.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

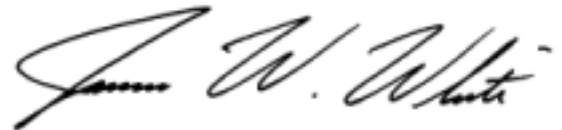
Increase State Expenditures - \$100,000

Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Federal Expenditures - \$100,000

Assumes the need to hire consultants to research and design the project and that the funding will come from TennCare administrative funds. The actual cost of implementing the project would occur in FY 2007.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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